













## EXTRACTS.

## TENNISON'S ENGLISH AND COLONIAL.

[As sung by Mr. Tennison, on the 15th of March, at St. James's Hall, and to be sung throughout the Colonies on the Queen's Birthday.]

First phoebes came in solemn night,  
Then drake to England, ever great,  
That made the land so populous,  
Who have his native country built,  
May Freedom's flag forever live,  
With largest life from day to day,  
That man's life time Conservator,  
Who keeps the mother's branch alive,  
Hands all around God's temple hope confound,  
To the great cause of Freedom, my friends,  
And the great cause of England round and round.

To all the loyal hearts who long  
To keep our English Empire whole!  
To all our noblest, bravest, truest,  
Who have the motto of the town  
To England, when we have a king,  
To Canada, when we have a prince,  
Whatever station hold the helm,  
Hail to the Queen, the mother of us all!  
To the great cause of England, my friends,  
And to all her glorious Colonies round and round.

To all our stationers, who they be,  
The leaders of the land's career,  
To both our Houses, may they be,  
Beyond the borough and the shire!  
We call wherever chief of State,  
We found many a noble name,  
To our great greatness may not fall  
Through the hands of the traitor's hand!  
To the great cause of Freedom, my friends,  
And the great cause of England round and round.

## A STORY OF CAIRO.

A great scandal occurred to my mind, as happening at Cairo in 1850. Sheikh Hassan, a Bedouin, lived in a small hut in the fashionable part of the city, and was generally regarded by wealthy saints who have gained public recognition. With modest assistance, he declared that Allah had personally granted him authority to cure all diseases. By the hand of Mahomet, the Mameluke, one confessed to him, and he cured him. He cured the sick, replaced an amputated limb, and so on. As for mere pains and aches he removed them at a word. During many years' residence at Cairo, a vast number of persons profited by his supernatural skill, but he specially laid himself out for female patients. In later times, the good man found his practice so large that he could no longer attend near people. He went every week to Egypt, Arabia, and Syria, and wealthy ladies came to consult the Sheikh, and of course they brought a handsome present.

One day, toward the middle of last year, the young wife of Izzet Bey, a colonel in the Egyptian service, proposed to visit him for an affection of the eye. The Colonel sent her with a proper retinue of attendants, who returned, I knew not why, after depositing their mistress at the door of Hassan's Boudoir. She entered with a favourite slave, but never came out again. For some days her husband was not alarmed, since surgical operations demand a certain time. Anxious at length, he called upon the Sheikh to send her back. The impression he had, he protested that the young woman had left on the evening of a hurricane, and that the Colonel was not satisfied. He appealed to the police, and they searched the dwelling minutely. I presume that Izzet Bey is a man of influence. Nothing was found in the empty house, but a very foul and malodorous smell in the garden drew their notice. Remembering the cover they found the corpse of the young woman and her slave, among such a mass of pitted bones as showed that wholesale murder had been going on for years. Brought before the Cadi, the saint confessed his habit of strangling every woman who came to consult him, if her jewellery seemed to excite his fancy. Such hideous stories now and then shock the grave, dumb population of the East.—*All the Year Round*.

## AN ECCENTRIC BOOKSELLER.

In some future edition of "English Eccentrics" a place should be reserved for old Sams, the once well-known bookseller. When I first encountered Sams, he occupied the shop in the market-places at Dartington in which he died. The impression I preserve of him is that of a tall, venerable-looking man in a Quaker-like costume of rusty black and with black gaiters. This was about 1850-55, when I was still a young man, and as such he indifferently observed, at least of any one belonging to my own sex. Sams had a decided stoop, a lean, pinched and scholarly face, and long white hair. That curious old shop, with its two low windows, one on each side of the door, old Sams kept a collection of books such as no bookseller out of London could rival. Here were folio Shakespeares and Chaucers galore, with Oxfords, Wykes, de Worces and Pynsons enough to make the bibliophile's mouth water. Were, however, to his argument and confiding purchases, who trusted to Sams's plausible speeches and the manuscript notices in front of his volumes. If ever it was necessary to take to heart the sage counsel of an employer, it was when his sage counsel was given, it was when his sage counsel was given, it was when his sage counsel was given.

When I was early, if vainly, put on my guard. Having on my first visit bought of Sams what professed to be a copy of Prynne's edition of Barclay's "Ship of Fools," and discovered that the bulk of the volume was made up from the most inferior edition of Barclay, I learned to investigate closely Mr. Sams's book ratings. The closest and most careful inspection and collation were necessary to prevent being imposed upon, and these, under the conditions under which alone purchase was possible, were matters of extreme difficulty. I remember one occasion when, after buying from him more than 270 worth of books and paying him for them, as was necessary, in hard cash, I found the waning light of a September day impeded further exploration, as I had two or three shelves there which to go, I asked for a light and was refused. Ultimately I was allowed a candle, on consideration of paying a half-penny for it. Afterwards, when the characteristic of Sams next to his cunning affection for some of his books, there were certain volumes he would never sell, and there were cases in his upstairs room which during the five years in which I knew him he resolutely refused to open.

When last I visited his shop, Sams was lying neglected and alone upon what proved, a day or two later, to be his death-bed. In his shop were two women, one old and having the look of a charwoman, a second young and with the appearance of a domestic servant. These two were selling the books which were not marked in a strange haphazard fashion, lying their heads together with a knowledge that the price had to be high, but without the slightest idea of what they ought to be. I obtained one or two volumes for a sum that would undoubtedly have slain the old man had he lived to hear of it. Whether I was quite justified in carrying off for 20s. a Lydgate's "Fall of Princes" is a superb old binding of which Sams would certainly have demanded 10 guineas. I have since doubted. At the time I had no scruples, but was rather inclined to chuckle over a purchase that did something to compensate me for the many frauds by which, in spite of my utmost caution, I had suffered. I had at one time the idea of introducing this wonderful old mine into a work of fiction. Instead, however, of writing romances with the matter of a romance, I have allowed a good intention to join with others in furnishing the proverbial payment for Jimbo.—*The Gentleman's Magazine*.

## INSURANCES.

## GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1821.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £200,000.  
TOTAL FUND UPWARDS OF £2,700,000.  
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME OVER 500,000.

THE Undersigned Agents of the above Company, are prepared to ISSUE POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE on the usual Terms.

**BIRLEY & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 10th May, 1882. [188]

**PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.**  
The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at the following Rates—  
On First-class European... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On First-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Second-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Third-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Fourth-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Fifth-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Sixth-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Seventh-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Eighth-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Ninth-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.  
On Tenth-class Chinese... at 1/4 Net per Annum.

**DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.,**  
Agents for Phoenix Fire Office.  
Hongkong, 5th August, 1881. [19]

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

**GILMAN & Co.,**  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [21]

**SUN FIRE OFFICE.**  
The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

**LINSTEAD & DAVIS,**  
San Francisco Office.  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1881. [17]

**LONDON & STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,**  
Hongkong, 27th August, 1880. [463]

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).**  
CAPITAL TABLES 600,000; EQUAL TO £833,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND £70,555.56.

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TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 31st April, 1882... £1,200,000.  
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**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
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Hongkong, 8th May, 1882. [12]

**THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).  
UNDIVIDED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE MAN OF INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
CAPITAL (FULLY SUBSCRIBED), \$1,000,000.

**THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
CAPITAL—£2,000,000—PAID-UP £200,000.  
PAID-UP RESERVE FUND—£250,000.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
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